

REMARKS

Claims 1-16 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claims 1, 8, 9 and 16 are amended to even more clearly recite the claimed features. Support for the amendments can be found, for example, at page 12, line 25 to page 15, line 21 of the specification and Figs. 2 and 3. No new matter is added. Reconsideration of the application in view of the above amendments and the following remarks is respectfully requested.

Entry of the amendments is proper under 37 CFR § 1.116 because the amendments: (a) place the application in condition for allowance for the reasons discussed herein; (b) as agreed during the interview, do not raise any new issue requiring further search and/or consideration as the amendments only clarify features recited in the claims; and (c) place the application in better form for appeal, should an appeal be necessary. The amendments are necessary and were not earlier presented because they are made in response to arguments raised in the final rejection. Entry of the amendments is thus respectfully requested.

Applicant appreciates the courtesies shown to Applicant's representative by Examiners Prabhakher and Ometz in the November 7, 2007 personal interview. Applicant's separate record of the substance of the interview is incorporated into the following remarks. Specifically, independent claims 1 and 9 are amended to comply with the Examiners' helpful suggestions made during the interview (although "predetermined color temperature" is recited instead of "predetermined input color temperature", for the reasons discussed below). Claims 8 and 16 are amended to be consistent with the Examiners' suggestions with respect to claims 1 and 9.

The Office Action rejects claims 1-16 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph. Specifically, the Office Action asserts that independent claims 1 and 9 fail to comply with (1) the written description requirement; and (2) the enablement requirement. The rejection is respectfully traversed.

With respect to (1) and (2), the amendments to independent claims 1 and 9 are virtually similar to those discussed during the interview. As agreed during the interview, the amendments overcome the rejection. For example, as agreed during the interview, these features are clearly taught in the specification at, for example, page 12, line 25 to page 15, line 21, with reference to Figs. 2 and 3. Additionally, Applicant submits that a "predetermined" color temperature corresponds to any color temperature that is in the predetermined range, for example, any temperature in a range outside of range (b) in Fig. 3 (e.g., ranges (a) and (c) (which includes the part of (c) that is within (d) and not within (d)) in Fig. 3).

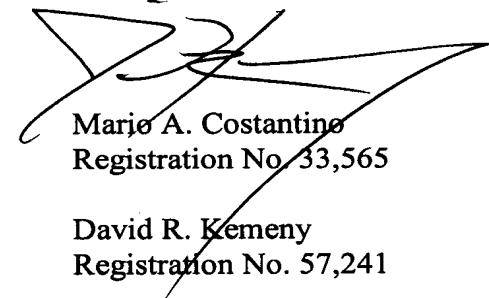
As discussed above, claims 1 and 9 recite "predetermined color temperature" instead of "predetermined input color temperature" as discussed during the interview, because the predetermined color temperature (like the calculated temperature) are not input, but rather is used as input (like the calculated color temperature) for the look-up table (see, e.g., Fig. 2). However, it is respectfully submitted that this minor change does not diverge from the spirit and meaning of the proposed amendment suggested by the Examiners during the interview. For example, claims 1 and 9 still recite that the predetermined color temperature which is utilized in the white balance correction value is different than the calculated color temperature.

Thus, it is respectfully requested that the rejection be withdrawn.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of claims 1-16 are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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